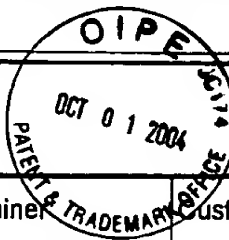


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

Docket No.

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 In Re Application Of:
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Application No.

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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 4-1-04 in the above-identified application.

Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month☐ Two months☒ Three months☐ Four months☐ Five months

from:

July 1, 2004

until:

October 1, 2004

Date

Date

The fee for the extension of time is \$980⁰⁰ and is to be paid as follows:

☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-1577
☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.

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Dated: October 1, 2004

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